

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 44-46 and 49 are pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims are allowed.

The present rejections to the claims are respectfully traversed.

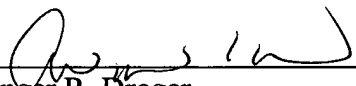
Amendments

Applicants have canceled claims 39-43 and 50-51 without prejudice to filing a continuation application directed to the canceled subject matter. No new matter is added by these amendments.

The present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-1641** (Attorney's Docket No. **39780-1618 P2C5**). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

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